

How is the island a microcosm of adult society?

Golding uses several symbols to make various points in the story. What do the symbols represent?

conch
Piggy's glasses
huts
face paint
darkness
fire
imaginary Beast
Lord of the Flies
Jack
Ralph
Piggy
Roger
Simon

What types of political forces (governmental styles) are represented in the novel?

Is the novel allegorical?

What does Golding seem to be saying about the nature of man? Is it optimistic or pessimistic? Explain.

Golding feels that the sanctions of society begin to disintegrate when the individual is removed from the enforcers of civilized behavior. Do you agree? How much "good conduct" is dependent on the fact that someone is watching you? How many of us try to "get away with" whatever we can as long as nobody finds out? Discuss the difference in behavior when:

- a. a teacher is not present in the classroom.
- b. a party is unchaperoned.
- c. a driver knows there is no radar patrolling his/her speed.

You are going to write a 2-page typed, double-spaced essay as a response to all of these ideas. Ultimately this is your prompt: Do you agree or disagree with William Golding's estimation of human nature and its fallibilities? Support your response with specific references to Lord of the Flies. Support your response with personal examples, as well. You are being evaluated on your ability to express your ideas (your writing) and your logical evidence support your ideas. You are an academic, college-bound student. Write like one.